



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1.	Call to Order/Roll Call	All present. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
2.	Invocation	Offered by Councilman Espino.
	Salute to the Flag	The audience participated.
3.	Awards & Presentations	
3A)	Certificates of Recognition	Mayor Bain and Melisa Pascual from the Beyond the Bell Learning Centers presented Certificates of Recognition to the winners of the River Cities Festival Art and Writing Contests.
4.	Open Forum:	
	Pawn Shops	Helen Lawrence of 641 Nightingale Avenue read a letter expressing that she had sent to Council stating her concern about the pawn shops and the fact that they may attract drug addicts and criminals who sell stolen goods. She felt that a pawn shop would not be advantageous for Miami Springs.
	Cashier's Hours of Operation	Franklin De Mello of 1355 Ludlam Drive asked Council to reconsider the hours of operation for the cashier window on the days the bills are due.

5. Approval of Council Minutes (Simultaneously approved)

5A) 04/22/2009 Special Meeting Minutes of the April 22, 2009 Special Meeting were **approved as written**.
Motion: Vice Mayor Best
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

5B) 04/27/2009 Regular Meeting Minutes of the April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting were **approved as written**.
Motion: Vice Mayor Best
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions

6A) Education Advisory Board Minutes of the April 21, 2009 Education Advisory Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6B) Code Enforcement Board Cancellation Notice of the May 5, 2009 Code Enforcement Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6C) Golf and Country Club Advisory Board Cancellation Notice of the May 13, 2009 Golf and Country Club Advisory Board meeting was received for information without comment.

6D) Board of Adjustment Council **approved** the actions taken by the Board of Adjustment at their meeting of May 4, 2009, subject to the ten-day appeal period.
Motion: Councilman Espino
Second: Councilman Lob
Vote: 5-0

In case an appeal is received to one of the Board of Adjustment cases, a Board of Appeals meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

7. Public Hearings:

7A) Second Reading – Ordinance:
Annexation

On second reading, Council **adopted** an ordinance initiating and requesting a boundary change, by annexation, for the City of Miami Springs of certain identified and specified contiguous and adjacent unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County; providing City of Miami Springs City Council approval; delineating the requested annexation boundary change by Miami-Dade County; authorizing all appropriate and consistent actions by City officers, officials, and City Council members (**Ordinance No. 977-2009**)

Motion: Vice Mayor Best

Second: Councilwoman Ator

Vote: 5-0

8. Consent Agenda:

(All items simultaneously approved)

8A) City Attorney's Invoice

Council **approved** payment of the City Attorney's invoice for April 2009 in the amount of \$9,938.50.

Motion: Vice Mayor Best

Second: Councilwoman Ator

Vote: 5-0

8B) Purchase of Software Licenses
for the Police Department

Council **approved** an expenditure of \$5,900.00 to USA Software, Inc., the sole source supplier, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (6) (c) of the City Code, to purchase four software licenses and annual software support, to be paid out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

Motion: Vice Mayor Best

Second: Councilwoman Ator

Vote: 5-0

9. Old Business:

- 9A) Appointments to Advisory Boards Vice Mayor Best (Group I) **appointed** Maria Garrett to the Code Review Board for an unexpired term expiring on April 30, 2012.
- Mayor Bain **re-appointed** Francisco Fernández to the Board of Adjustment/Zoning and Planning Board for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2012.
- Councilman Lob (Group III) **appointed** Richard Barnes to the Disability Advisory Board for a partial term ending on December 31, 2010.
- Mayor Bain **re-appointed** Wendy Cee Anderson to the Ecology Board for a full 3-year term ending on April 30, 2012.
- Councilwoman Ator (Group IV) **appointed** Amy Klose to the Ecology Board for a partial term ending on April 30, 2010.
- 9B) Purchase of Portable Two-Way Radios: Police Department Council **approved** an expenditure of \$28,949.48 to Communications International, Inc., utilizing Florida State Contract No. 725-001-01-1, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code to purchase eight new portable 2-way radios and required accessories for police communications (This expenditure request replaces the request of \$21,000 approved by Council on September 22, 2008).
Motion: Councilman Lob
Second: Councilwoman Ator
Vote: 5-0
- 9C) Goals and Objectives Council **scheduled** a Workshop Meeting for Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss commercial revitalization, parking and signage and technology improvements.

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| 9D) | Site Plan Review –
Community Center | Council reviewed the Site Plan of the Community Center. A Zoning and Planning Board meeting may be scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 to approve the site plan. |
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| 10A) | Resolution – Ninth Amendment
to the FY2008-2009 Budget | <p>Council adopted a resolution providing for the ninth amendment to the FY2008-2009 budget, providing for the transfer of the prior budgetary appropriation and establishment of the current budgetary appropriation to the City Capital Projects Fund Budget for the City Curtiss Mansion Phase No. 1 Construction Project, finding the appropriateness of the budgetary amendment (Resolution No. 2009-3445).</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Best</p> <p>Second: Councilman Espino</p> <p>Vote: 5-0</p> |
| 10B) | Fund Balance Designations Update | Council received a report of the fund balance designations. |
| 10C) | City’s New Website | Council discussed the new website and the possibility of creating a Facebook page for the City. |
| 10D) | Purchase of a Trash Crane | <p>Council approved an expenditure of \$122,740.97 to Rechten International Trucks, Inc., utilizing Florida Sheriffs Association County Contract # 08-16-0908, as provided in Section 31.11 (E) (5) of the City Code, to replace a Trash Crane (vehicle # 506) to be paid out of the Sanitation Fund.</p> <p>Motion: Vice Mayor Best</p> <p>Second: Councilwoman Ator</p> <p>Vote: 5-0</p> |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 15%;">11.</div> <div style="width: 35%;">Other Business:</div> <div style="width: 50%;">None</div> </div> | | |

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney None

12B) City Manager

Webcast

City Manager Borgmann mentioned that the Administration is already looking into a webcast.

Evaluation Form

City Manager Borgmann reported that Councilwoman Ator had suggested providing an evaluation form as a guideline for Council to follow when they consider the Vote of Confidence for the City Manager in October. He stated that the City is collecting sample forms from other jurisdictions and will decide which form is the best for Miami Springs.

Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration is looking into commercial and multi-family recycling. There are 137 accounts for small apartment units that used to have recycling, but the County's new recycling system only provides containers for single-family homes.

Mayor Bain was of the opinion that a recycling program is provided by the private commercial waste companies that pick up the garbage.

The City Manager will check into the Mayor's suggestion.

Councilman Espino asked about the program that is used by the City of North Miami that provides incentives for recycling.

City Manager Borgmann explained that North Miami already owned their recycling system and equipment and they gave the operation to a private company who splits the profit with the City.

12B)

Commercial/Multi-Family Recycling (Continued)

The situation for Miami Springs is different because the City is under contract with the County.

Transit Stimulus Funds

City Manager Borgmann reported that there are critical deadlines to meet this week in order to be eligible for federal stimulus transit funds. The City has approximately \$130,000 available; the County is the applicant and the cities are the sub-applicants. Funds will be used for the bike paths, bus stops, improving the shuttle, etc.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

City Manager Borgmann stated that the South Florida Regional Planning Council has approved the elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan that were submitted, which will be transmitted to Tallahassee. He will provide further updates as information is available.

Pawn Shop

City Manager Borgmann said that Chief of Police Peter Baan asked the pawn shop company to contact him with information regarding the other locations and they have not yet responded.

Ludlam Drive Tree Project

City Manager Borgmann stated that the Administration met last week with representatives of the company that was awarded the bid for the Ludlum Drive tree project. The County was deeded the property along the canal bank in 2007, which was previously owned by Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC).

City Attorney Seiden asked if the ownership of the canal had changed.

City Manager Borgmann responded that the City was under the impression for years that it was the FEC Borrow Canal, but it appears that this has changed.

121B)	Ludlam Drive Tree (Continued)	<p>City Attorney Seiden recalled that at a meeting a number of years ago the County said they were having a difficult time with FEC in maintaining the canal and perhaps they turned it over to the County.</p> <p>Mr. Borgmann informed Council that the tree project will begin in Virginia Gardens and extend down through Miami Springs. The details for removing the trees will be determined.</p>
	Pool Slide	<p>City Manager Borgmann reported that there are significant structural problems with the municipal swimming pool slide and it will be closed off to the public. Repairs could be approximately \$20,000 and the slide originally cost \$32,000 seven years ago, so it might be time to purchase a new one.</p>
	Tex Ziadie	<p>City Manager Borgmann announced that Harold “Tex” Ziadie will undergo knee surgery on Tuesday, May 12th and everyone should keep him in their prayers.</p>
	Computer Electric	<p>In response to a previous Council inquiry, the City Manager informed Council that Computer Electric charges the overtime rate for any work or service calls that are generated outside the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. As a courtesy, they have never charged the City at the overtime rate for any work performed outside of their regular hours.</p>
12C)	City Council	
	Keep Citizens Informed	<p>Councilman Lob stressed the importance of keeping the residents informed regarding the Ludlam tree project and the Community Center construction. He said that circulating sufficient information would prevent the City from receiving a lot of calls.</p>
	Happy Mother’s Day	<p>Councilman Lob wished all mothers a happy belated Mother’s Day.</p>

12C)	Thank You	Councilman Espino reported that he, Mayor Bain and Councilwoman Ator attended the Miami Springs Middle School Arbor Day Ceremony. He thanked Principal Maria Mason, Ms. Ferrer, Bob and Shelly Shultz and all the students that were involved in planting many trees.
	Blessed Trinity Golf Tournament	Councilman Espino announced that Blessed Trinity is hosting its annual golf tournament at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club on Saturday, May 30 th starting at 7:00 p.m.
	Father Carney	Councilman Espino stated that Father Carney from Blessed Trinity is undergoing quadruple heart bypass surgery on Tuesday, May 12 th and for everyone to keep him in their prayers.
	Commercial Enhancement	Councilman Espino reported that on Wednesday, May 13 th at 7:00 p.m. at the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club he would be hosting a conversation about commercial enhancement with the Chamber of Commerce and Council is invited to attend.
	Alligator	Councilwoman Ator reported that the Police Department was called regarding a large alligator in Miami Springs.
	Prince Field Signage	<p>Councilwoman Ator stated that last winter there was some confusion about the hours of operation for the “Let’s Build It” park at Prince Field and she wants to make sure the signage is clear before the summer begins.</p> <p>Assistant City Manager Gorland explained that the signage is correct and replacement signs have been ordered for signs that were vandalized.</p>

12C)	Student Recognition	Vice Mayor Best stated that it was refreshing to see all the students that were recognized for their art and writing contest skills at the beginning of the meeting. He said that the High School Mu Alpha Theta Math Club does very well in competitions throughout the country, which says something about the community's interest in the arts for which he is grateful.
	Goals and Objectives	Mayor Bain expressed his concern about the issues that were discussed at the Workshop Meeting on goals and objectives because each project received only one or two votes, but all were very important to the future success of the City. He is wondering how each project was perceived and which are considered important or not. He brought up the issue because it appears that issues with only one vote would not have been proposed for this meeting and they were not. The skateboard park is an important issue to him and it only had two votes, which meant to him that it would not be considered.
	218 Springs Avenue	<p>Mayor Bain stated that the house at 218 Springs Avenue has an alleyway on the side and there is only one-foot, while most alleyways have five or six feet on either side of the alley. This is a special case and he would like to see what can be done about the trucks going down the alleyway that are causing dust and vibrations.</p> <p>Public Works Director Robert Williams offered to visit the site and come back with recommendations.</p> <p>Mayor Bain suggested that the area could be paved and speed bumps installed.</p>

- 12C) Miami Springs Elementary
- Mayor Bain reported that he had the opportunity to speak to the 5th grade class at Miami Springs Elementary School to answer questions that he received from the students via e-mail. He thanked Principal Sally Hutchings and acknowledged the students for their imagination and creativity.
- Career Day
- Mayor Bain announced that he would be speaking at two schools on Wednesday, May 13th for Career Day, which is a unique opportunity that is a lot of fun. He said that it is surprising to see how the students feel about the country and their future. Students Ian Alvarez and Jeremy Gonzalez called him at work after researching his personal information on the website.
- 13. Adjourn**
- Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.